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Identical letters dated 26 October 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I write to complain of another serious incident that constitutes a grave violation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). This evening at approximately 18:50 local time, a 107-millimetre rocket was fired from Lebanon and struck the area of the city of Kiryat Shmona in northern Israel. Thankfully, the rocket landed in an open area and no injuries or serious damage has been reported. In response, and in exercise of Israel's right to self-defence, Israeli Defense Forces fired artillery shells at the source of the rocket launch. Israel expects a prompt investigation by UNIFIL and the Lebanese Armed Forces into this terrorist attack against its territory and that the report's findings will be presented to the relevant parties as soon as possible.

In the past four months, there has been a significant increase in hostile activity emanating from Lebanese territory south of the Litani River. This includes the two explosions of Hizbullah arms depots in the villages of Khirbat Salim on 14 July 2009, and Tayr Filsi on 12 October 2009, as well as the firing of a number of rockets at northern Israel on 11 September 2009. In response to such developments, I wish to reiterate that Israel holds the Government of Lebanon fully responsible for any and all activities emanating from its territory.

Given this increase in hostile activity, the upcoming report on the implementation of resolution 1701 must accurately reflect all of these grave incidents. For the last three years — and as I have noted in my letters and interventions to the Council — the Hizbullah terrorist organization continues to rearm as it builds additional and new military infrastructure south of the Litani River. Hizbullah embeds itself into the civilian population while its operatives and affiliated individuals harass UNIFIL, threaten its soldiers, and impede the implementation of resolution 1701. Israel expects the Security Council to address these violations in its next debate.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Gabriela **Shalev**
Ambassador

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Letter dated 27 October 2009 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 22 October 2009 from the Chairman of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by Security Council resolution 1612 (2005), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 12 October 2009 (S/AC.51/2009/4) (see annex).

(Signed) **Le Luong Minh**
President of the Security Council

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Annex to the letter dated 27 October 2009 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

Letter dated 22 October 2009 from the Chairman of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict addressed to the Secretary-General

On 1 July 2009, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict, established by Security Council resolution 1612 (2005), examined the report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Myanmar (S/2009/278). Following its meeting on 12 October 2009, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on the parties to the armed conflict in Myanmar (S/AC.51/2009/4).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group, approved by the Security Council, and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including Security Council resolutions 1612 (2005) and 1882 (2009), I am entrusted, in my capacity as the Chairman of the Working Group, to welcome the meeting that took place on 20 August between the country-level task force on monitoring and reporting and the high-level committee for the prevention of military recruitment of underage children and the promise of a follow-up meeting to further discuss the integration of the recommendations of the Working Group into a time-bound action plan and to support their implementation, as well as your recommendation to the task force to strengthen its monitoring and reporting capacity through increased staffing and wider geographical coverage with a view to improving its work, including prevention, protection, release and reintegration support activities.

I kindly invite you to continue strengthening the country-level task force on monitoring and reporting in accordance with Security Council resolutions 1612 (2005) and 1882 (2009), to establish a systematic protection dialogue with all parties to the conflict with the goal of creating concrete time-bound action plans to halt recruitment and use of child soldiers, the killing and maiming of children and rape and other forms of sexual violence against children, in contravention of applicable international law, and to address other violations and abuses as appropriate.

Finally, I also invite you to consider the strengthening of the efforts of the United Nations to provide adequate health care and psycho-social care to child victims, including child victims of sexual violence.

(*Signed*) Claude **Heller**
Chairman of the Working Group on
Children and Armed Conflict